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TO: **Assistant Commissioner of Patents** Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In accordance with applicants' duty of disclosure under 37 CFR 211.56, applicants are submitting herewith: (1) PTO Form 1449 listing the following publications and (2) a copy of each publication listed below:

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Applicants submit that an English translation of the last reference listed above, which is in German, is unnecessary since the teachings of same are believed to be apparent from the drawings and graphs therein. However, if the Examiner would like an English translation of same, applicants will be happy to provide same upon receiving a request for same from the Examiner.

Applicants state that this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three (3) months from the filing date of the application and before issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, applicants submit that no fee or certification is necessary. However, if any fee is required, please charge such fee to applicants' attorney's Deposit Account No. 22-0355.

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